

Hello,

FOSTERING NEWSLETTER



As we look ahead to 2025, take a look back at our 2024 fostering highlights ★

Welcome to the final 2024 issue of our 'Thinking about Fostering' newsletter!

I hope you're well and are ready for the upcoming festive period and New Year.

My team and I wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for supporting us during 2024. We've had lots of positive stories from the past year, and we're excited to see what 2025 holds for our team, our carers and people like yourself who may currently be thinking about fostering.

We know that choosing to foster is a big decision for you and your family, but we are committed to being with you at every step of the way. Our team is more than happy to help, no matter what stage of the journey you're at, so feel free to get in touch with your interest, questions or concerns during the remainder of 2024 or beyond.

With best wishes,

Joss, Fostering Service Manager



🎄 Christmas opening times

Our Late Night Opening hours (extended opening to 8pm every Tuesday and Thursday) are being affected by the festive period.

Regular service will resume Thursday 2 January.

In the meantime, take our eligibility test to assess whether fostering is the right choice for you and your family at this time!

[Check your eligibility](#)



💡 2024 highlights



Fostering benefits highlighted as payments increase

Allowances for foster carers have now risen, as the county look for carers with skills and dedication



'Outstanding' rating for Leicestershire's Children and Family Services

Ofsted inspectors praise work to support children and families



Thirty years of fostering, 50,000 nappy changes and a lot of love

The couple have fostered 22 babies, adopted two young people, and raised two birth children



Families with children encouraged to consider fostering

Youngsters reveal how fostering fits into their families

Find Out About Fostering in 2025

All 2025 virtual and in-person event dates have been confirmed, and you can now book your space at one of **seventeen** information events.


As ever, the team will be joined by at least one current foster carer at each date, sharing more about the application process, the allowances available and the continued support our team offers.

[Book your space](#)

Leicestershire Chatters



'A meaningful, friendly relationship'

 Sally, Independent Visitor



'A flexible and fulfilling role': my experience as the youngest Independent Visitor

 Phoebe, Independent Visitor



Being an Independent Visitor - proof you can 'teach an old dog new tricks'

 Neil, Independent Visitor

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